

Senate Resolution 1371

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Pearson of the 51st, Heath of the 31st, Staton of the 18th, Rogers of the 21st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Japanese Consul General Takuji Hanatani; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Japan, and the
4 people of Georgia welcome opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all levels,
5 including cultural, academic, and business; and

6 WHEREAS, Consul General Takuji Hanatani has long been recognized for his role in
7 leadership and his deep personal commitment to fostering diplomatic relationships with
8 countries around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Atlanta and all of Georgia are honored to serve as the home of the consulate of
10 Japan, which covers 25,000 Japanese nationals and 760 Japan-related companies within the
11 five states of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia; and

12 WHEREAS, Consul General Hanatani entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1979 and
13 has worked in Japan, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Tanzania, Kenya, and Brazil; and

14 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife, Keiko, and has been blessed with
15 two remarkable children, Taiga and Risa; and

16 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of this state to increase these mutually beneficial
17 economic ties by attracting, retaining, and growing Japanese economic investments,
18 businesses, and operations in this state; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to encourage greater collaborations and exchanges
20 between Georgia and Japan in fields of scientific research, education, business, and culture.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 hereby recognize the special friendship between Georgia and Japan and express our
23 appreciation to His Excellency Takuji Hanatani, the Consul General of Japan, for his efforts
24 to promote peace and grow commercial, cultural, and educational ties between our two
25 nations.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Japan's Consul General Takuji Hanatani.